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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Create a Consistent Regulatory Framework for the Guidance, Planning, and Evaluation of Integrated Distributed Energy Resources.

Rulemaking 14-10-003  
(Filed October 2, 2014)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTICING WORKSHOP TO  
DISCUSS ADVICE LETTERS PURSUANT TO DECISION 16-12-036**

**Summary**

This ruling notices a July 10, 2017 workshop in Rulemaking 14-10-003. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss advice letters filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company requesting approval to procure distributed energy resources solution for projects selected for the Competitive Solicitation Framework and Utility Regulatory Incentive Pilot. During the workshop, the Commission's Energy Division will develop a schedule to allow for protests and response to the advice letters.

**Background**

The Commission approved Decision (D.) 16-12-036, which adopted 1) consensus recommendations from the Competitive Solicitation Framework (Framework) Working Group August 1, 2016 Report and 2) a regulatory incentive mechanism pilot (Incentive Pilot). The Commission directed Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company (the Utilities) to each identify one project where the

deployment of distributed energy resources on the system would displace or defer the need for capital expenditures on traditional distribution infrastructure. To test the incentive mechanism, the Utilities were encouraged to each select up to three additional projects.

D.16-12-036 established a series of steps to implement the Framework and the Incentive Pilot and a proposed timeline to perform these steps. Relevant to this Ruling, Step Three requires the Utilities to file tier three advice letters requesting approval to procure a distributed energy resources for the project or projects selected.<sup>1</sup> Also relevant, Step Four requires the Commission's Energy Division to: 1) host a workshop to discuss the contents of the advice letters required by Step Three and 2) establish a schedule to allow parties to protest or comment on the advice letters.<sup>2</sup>

### **Discussion**

This ruling provides notice to parties that a workshop will be held in the Commission's Courtyard Room at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 on Monday, July 10, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Again, the purpose of the workshop is to provide parties with overviews of the Utilities' advice letters requesting approval to procure a distributed energy resources solutions for project selected and develop a schedule for protests or responses to the advice letters.

The Energy Division is in the early stages of developing the agenda for the workshop; a final agenda will be e-mailed to the service list a few days prior to

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<sup>1</sup> D.16-12-036 at Ordering Paragraph 14.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at Ordering Paragraph 15.

the workshop. For more information on the workshop, parties should contact Chari Worster at [chari.worster@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:chari.worster@cpuc.ca.gov).

Commissioners, advisors and/ or Administrative Law Judges may attend the workshop. The Energy Division will ensure that the workshop is noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar, so as to inform the public that one or more decision makers may be present at the workshop.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. A workshop in Rulemaking 14-10-003 will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017, in the Commission's Courtyard Room at 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, CA 94102.

2. The Commission's Energy Division will notice the workshop on the Commission's Daily Calendar.

Dated June 9, 2017, at San Francisco, California.

/ s/ KELLY A. HYMES  
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Kelly A. Hymes  
Administrative Law Judge